

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A method for securely loading an application onto an IC card, comprising:

a first step of determining, based at least upon an encrypted personalization data block, that said IC card is ~~qualified~~ part of a qualified set of cards to accept loading of said application; and

a second step of loading the application onto the IC card after the first step.

2. (Currently Amended) A method for securely deleting an application from an IC card, comprising:

a first step of determining, based at least upon an encrypted personalization data block, that said IC card is ~~qualified~~ part of a qualified set of cards to accept deleting of said application; and

a second step of deleting the application from the IC card after the first step.

3. (Currently Amended) A method for securely loading an application onto an IC card, comprising:

a first step of determining, based at least upon an encrypted personalization data block, whether said IC card is ~~qualified~~ part of a qualified set of cards to accept loading of said application; and

a second step of loading the application onto the IC card only if the first step determines that the IC card is qualified to accept the loading of the application.

4. (Currently Amended) A method for securely deleting an application from an IC card, comprising:

a first step of determining, based at least upon an encrypted personalization data block, whether said IC card is ~~qualified~~ part of a qualified set of cards to accept deleting of said application; and

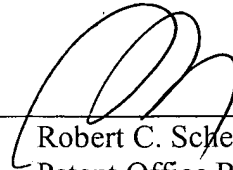
a second step of deleting the application from the IC card only if the first step determines that the IC card is qualified to accept the deleting of the application.

Applicant submits that the proposed changes to the present claims would place them in condition for allowance. Applicant, therefore, respectfully requests an advisory action to this effect.

Respectfully submitted,

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